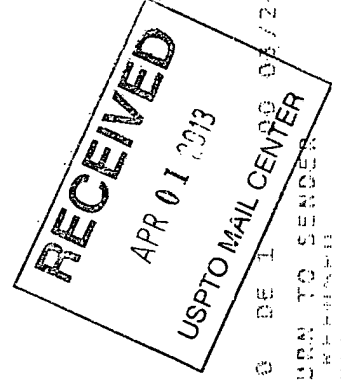


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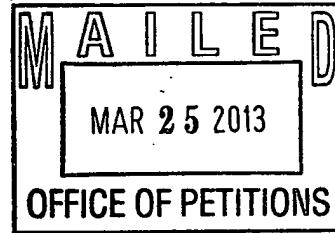
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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(e), filed on November 5, 2012, requesting reconsideration of the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) to accept the unavoidably delayed payment of maintenance fees for the above-referenced patent.

The petition is granted.

In light of the showing of record, it is concluded that the delay was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fees would be timely paid.

Accordingly, the first and second maintenance fees in this case are accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

On November 7, 2012, patent practitioner, Lawrence E. Laubscher, Sr., filed a change of correspondence address (Form PTO/SB/123), requesting that the Office change the correspondence address for the above-identified patent to the address associated with Customer Number 26480. Mr. Laubscher, Sr. signed the form and indicated that he is the attorney or agent of record.

The Office has not located an appointment of power of attorney to Mr. Laubscher, Sr. in the patent file. Petitioner is reminded that a change of correspondence address must be signed by the patentee, an assignee of record of the entire interest, or an attorney or agent of record. As Mr. Laubscher, Sr. is not an attorney or agent of record in this case, the Office cannot enter the request to change the correspondence address. As a one-time courtesy, the Office will mail a copy of this decision to the address associated with Customer Number 26480. The Office will

mail all future correspondence regarding this patent to the correspondence address of record until the Office receives a power of attorney and a properly signed change of correspondence address.

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